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Nucleus for Arab World women's police forces

Jordan's policewomen prove their worth

By Dina Matar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — They may not be "Charlie's Angels" — but the life and work of real-life women cops can sometimes seem even more exciting than anything on TV.

So far, 130 girls have joined the Jordanian women's police force, started with six girls back in 1976. This growth rate is not very high, which is attributed to the Jordanian customs and traditional life, which may make it difficult for a woman to have a profession.

To induce more women to join the police force, many educational awareness campaigns have been mounted, and the girls who accepted for the job are offered many privileges. They are given high salaries and are promoted very quickly.

Opportunities

During the 1970s, Jordan has witnessed dynamic changes which opened job opportunities for women. Many Jordanian women have careers, from simple clerical work to politics. Yet, many are reluctant to become policemen, and a lack of enthusiasm among parents has not helped the situation either.

never repeated again, "although we hope that the attitude may change," she added.

Every year the academy trains three groups of candidates, each with a maximum of 20 members. When the girls finish basic training, they take other courses — in secretarial and office work.

Upon graduation, the policewomen are assigned to the various sections of the Public Security Directorate. Most have secretarial jobs, but others work in such departments such as intelligence; budget and accounts; training; research and development; fingerprinting; driver testing, and the crime laboratory.

Most of the work is technical, and few policewomen take part in field work or chasing criminals. But 10 out of the 130 women work in the air patrol unit, which monitors security from helicopters.

"The girls just love this (air patrol) work, and it is the most exciting," Lt. Shaheen said. A few others help in interviewing female suspects and juveniles.



Lt. Husnieh Shaheen, director of the Princess Basma Academy for policewomen.

means they can leave when they want to."

The daily two-hour in judo, karate and calisthenics has proved worthwhile. "The training is done regularly and for self-defence purposes only," Lt. Shaheen said.

our girls have really proved their worth." Some of the women are more efficient than their male counterparts, she added.

Now, one woman has attained the rank of captain, which is the highest in the force. Lt. Shaheen



Policewomen display their colours before His Majesty King Hussein at a recent graduation ceremony.

herself is headed for a promotion to captain, which she said is the dream of all policewomen. Becoming a captain is "something special," she says.

The academy, which is the only training centre of its kind in Jordan, is serving its purpose now. But what about the future? The building is very old, and although

it provides adequate lecture and training rooms, as well as lodgings, it will not be able to accommodate a much larger number of women in the future. "We hope that a new building will be built for us, a more comprehensive and bigger one," Lt. Shaheen, who has always had space problems at the academy, said. The police force is contemplating the construction of another training academy, where more women can be trained.

The academy and its staff, however, try to do their best under the present circumstances. Refresher courses are held there to keep policewomen well informed of developments in public security work, and there is also the one-week course for the Friends of the Police, to keep the public informed on

the role of women in police activities.

At the moment, the women make the most of what they can get. They enjoy the training, the rough life, and the camaraderie of the academy.

Lt. Shaheen, who has bright dreams for the future, says that being a policewoman is not easy in such a society, but it is really something special.

"Every pioneering step faces some difficulties," she said. "We have tried to overcome many of these, and we have succeeded. I just hope that someday more university graduates may join the police force. At the moment, only six of the 130 policewomen have university degrees."

Many people believe that police work means chasing criminals and getting mugged. But in general this is not the case for Jordan's policewomen.

The problem lies with our social structure," says First Lieutenant Husnieh Shaheen, a prominent figure in the women's police force and the academy's director. To become a policewoman, an applicant should undergo rigorous physical training, and a self-defence — judo and karate — must also become an expert in handling handguns and firearms, as well as hand-to-hand combat.

All of the training takes place at Princess Basma Academy for policewomen, here in Amman. All the candidates go through an intensive four-month training course. Trainees are provided with food, lodging, clothing, sports and a monthly allowance throughout the training period.

In addition to practical training, girls are given academic courses, which include psychology, sociology, criminology and other related subjects.

Part from these basic courses, girls are trained for six weeks after regulations. At one time, Jordanian policewomen assisted in directing traffic in Amman. But, "the long hours, and the ever-ending comments from the men, turned the work into a failure," Lt. Shaheen told the Jordan Times. This experience was considered a failure, and was

Nucleus

The Jordanian women's police force is a nucleus for similar ones elsewhere in the Arab World. In the past two years, the academy has held some courses for female trainees from Syria and Bahrain. To enrol in the police-women's academy, an applicant must be Jordanian, between 17 and 27 years old, and have completed at least the compulsory education levels (elementary and preparatory). The woman should also be in good health.

"We have a physical fitness test which the girls should pass upon their admission to the academy," Lt. Shaheen said. She added that it is preferable that the applicants be single.

Many younger applicants are now seeking admission at the academy, and parents are beginning to encourage them. "But this is obviously for the wrong reason, some families are poor and they need the money," Lt. Shaheen said.

The turnover rate is still high. Many policewomen quit their jobs, either to get married or because they have better job opportunities elsewhere.

"We cannot do anything about this," Lt. Shaheen lamented. "Many girls are not obligated to stay. There is no commitment, which



Martial arts for self-defence are a required part of the policewoman's training.

Many people believe that police work means, simply, chasing after criminals and getting mugged in dark alleys. But in general, this is not the case for Jordan's policewomen. They are given a minimum of work, and many privileges. The salaries are high, and all are insured both socially and medically.

"The existence of a women's police force is a real asset to our country," Lt. Shaheen said, "and

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NEWS ANALYSIS Anti-Arab bias in Western culture By Michael Dresser of the Baltimore Sun

Consider the word "Arab". What other words come to mind? One young woman, an art student at a Baltimore college, replied to that question the same way many Americans would: "Oil... greedy... dirty."

Greedy Arab theme The Washington Post, for example, runs an article on its main feature page by reporter Judy Mann ("The Years of Plenty Ending for Americans.") that refers to Americans feeling trapped by "greedy Arabs."

Malevolent intent? Even though cartoonists and other media figures may not intend to incite prejudice, their constant negative portrayal of Arabs cannot help but do so.

A new era? WEST GERMAN Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's current visit to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates has evoked great interest -- something that would not have happened had the visit taken place, say, eight or nine years ago.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY AL RA'Y: It is difficult to determine what is in the head of the Syrian regime when he makes his speeches, because he gets carried away in his ravings against this country as if Jordan were a thorn in his throat.

AL DUSTOUR: The most prominent characteristic of Mr. Hafez Al Assad's recent speech is that it is a parody on Arab reason and rationality, and on the Arabs' ability to assess matters and understand the facts regarding what is going on in the Arab World and in every Arab country.

Manipulating people Aside from the reactions of those it insults, negative stereotyping of Arabs imposes costs even on those in the media guild.

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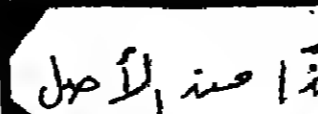
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ECONOMY

**Speech to Congress his 1st since shooting
Reagan riding to rescue economic plan**

WASHINGTON, April 28 (R) — President Reagan, in his first public engagement since being shot in an assassination attempt nearly a month ago, goes to Congress tonight to show the nation he is fit and ready to battle for his economic policies.

Americans that he was recovering from his chest wound, rather than as a sign that his tax and budget policy was in jeopardy.

plan acceptable to the president. Mr. Reagan asked Congress on March 10 to approve a \$695.3 billion spending budget with an anticipated \$45 billion deficit for next year.

ocrat Phil Gramm and Ohio Republican Delbert Latta, both budget committee members. Their proposal calls for spending \$689 billion and a \$39 billion deficit.

Sony predicts:

'Video kills the film star'

TOKYO, April 28 (R) — The Sony Corporation said today it had developed a video system that could make film obsolete.

Japan's car exports up 25%

TOKYO, April 28 (R) — Japan reported record exports of vehicles today, on the eve of talks aimed at restricting sales in the United States.

The Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (JAMA) said that for the financial year ended March 31, overseas shipments totalled 6.15 million, a 25 per cent increase over the previous year's level.

Strong demand for small, fuel efficient cars accounted for the record figures, JAMA said.

Chief U.S. trade negotiator Mr. William Brock was due to arrive here tomorrow to discuss the issue.

JAMA said that exports of cars, trucks and buses were worth \$28.94 billion. The biggest market was the U.S., which bought 2.36 million vehicles.

Exports to the European Economic Community (EEC) increased by 17 per cent to 933,610, despite a 15 per cent fall in shipments to Britain.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Canada, USSR discuss wheat deal

OTTAWA, April 28 (R) — Canada is about to conclude an agreement to sell the Soviet Union up to five million tonnes of grain a year over five years, trade sources said.

They told Reuters that the deal calls for Canada to sell Moscow a minimum of three million tonnes of wheat a year and up to two million tonnes in barley and oats, or wheat if barley supplies are insufficient, over the five years.

The price would be negotiated every six months, they added.

Pan Am's losses in 3 months: \$114.5m.

NEW YORK, April 28 (R) — Pan American World Airways said yesterday it lost \$114.5 million in the first three months this year.

This compared with a loss of \$74.9 million in the same period of 1980.

Pan Am said revenues rose to \$937.3 million from 910 million a year earlier, but operating expenses rose to \$1.02 billion from 964 million.

While 12.3 per cent less fuel was consumed, it costs 8.1 per cent more, the airline said.

U.K. recession flattens out, CBI says

LONDON, April 28 (R) — Britain's recession is flattening out, according to a survey among 1,893 firms by the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), the main employers organisation, published today.

The report showed that output and demand continued to fall over the past four months but slower than previously, it said.

The confederation said it found a new optimism among exporters but there may be a further small decline in the next four months.

The quarterly survey comes after a series of sometimes contradictory forecasts about Britain's economic prospects and the success or failure of the strict monetarist policy pursued by the government.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, April 28 (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading in the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

Table with 3 columns: Currency, Rate, and Unit. Includes Sterling, U.S. dollar, Canadian dollar, West German marks, Dutch guilders, Swiss francs, French francs, Belgian francs, Italian lire, Japanese yen, Swedish crowns, Norwegian crowns, Danish crowns, U.S. dollars, and One ounce of gold.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, April 28 (R) — Equities were sharply lower on profit taking as the end of the account approached and government bonds continued to drift lower in quiet conditions, dealers said.

Electricals, which have led the market over recent weeks, had Thom and GEC down 12p and 13p respectively. Racal and Plessey were respectively 10p and 9p lower.

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OPINIONS

Togo maps its development

Cherif Elvalide Seye

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region. Overpopulated zones border on unpopulated expanses, resulting in a population density that can reach 200 people per square kilometre in some areas. All of the demographic characteristics of developing countries are to be found in Togo's coastal zone: the population is young (57 per cent are under the age of 20); it is rapidly growing (three per cent a year); and it is subject to large migratory movements, destined largely for Lome.

gest 'how agriculture could be modified. The map on the environment presents the state and interaction of various factors to enable users to predict how different areas would be affected by the programmes proposed in the land use map.

Scientists suggest other civilizations exist far out

By William N. Oatis

UNITED NATIONS — Life and even civilizations probably exist on other planets besides the earth, according to a scientific paper prepared for the United Nations.

sent to Mars in 1976 found no sign of life, but they argue that life may exist somewhere else on Mars, considered the likeliest of the other planets in the solar system to have living things.

purposes." The authors note that "some are worried that a message from an advanced society might make man lose faith in his own civilization" or have other negative consequences.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: ♠A2 ♥Q87542 ♦7 ♣953 The hiding has proceeded: North East South West 1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass ?

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Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold: ♠A ♥J4 ♦AJ10872 ♣KQ98 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 4 ♥ Pass ?

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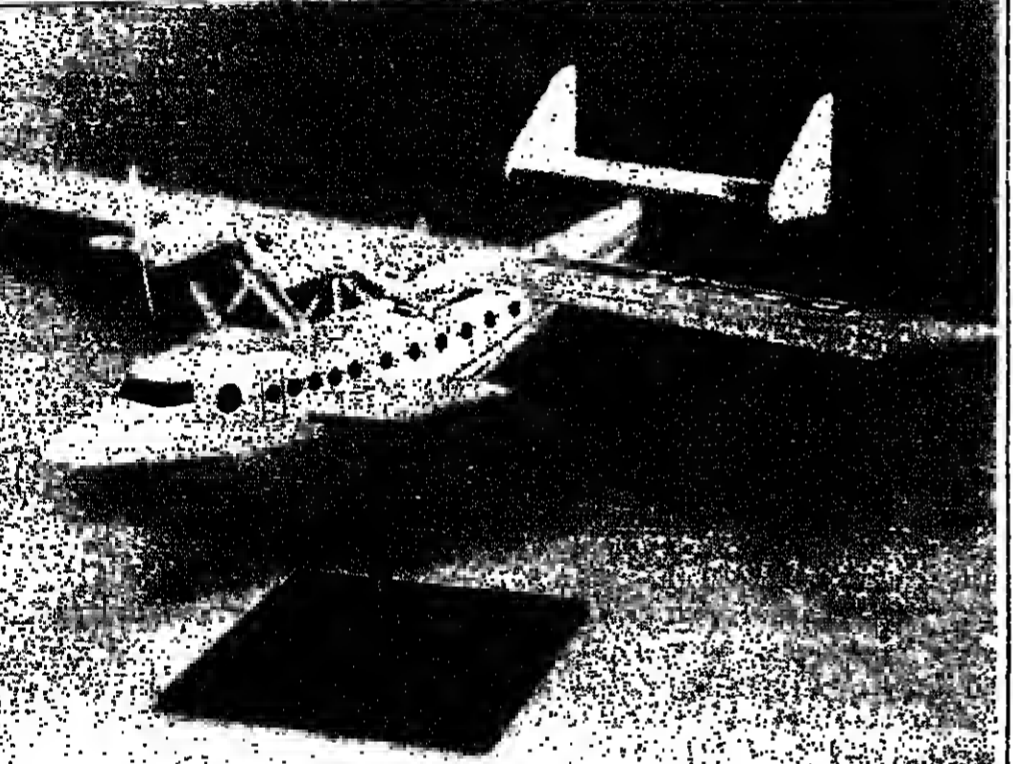
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Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold: ♠A ♥J4 ♦AJ10872 ♣KQ98 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 4 ♥ Pass ?

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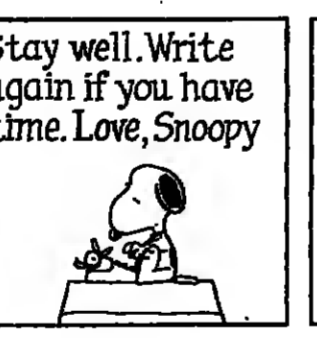
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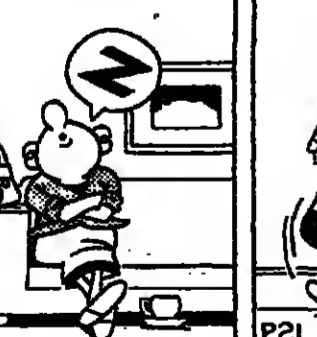
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